



Mrs. Laura S. Webb,
Vice-President Women's Democratic Club of Northern Ohio.

"I dreaded the change of life which was fast approaching. I noticed Wine of Cardui, and decided to try a bottle. I experienced some relief the first month, so I kept on taking it for three months and now I menstruate with no pain and I shall take it off and on now until I have passed the climax."

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WINE OF CARDUI

Boer Hanna is the dictator. Toddy has lost his grip.

The president's message was not an echo of his Cincinnati speech.

Melvin Bead has struck oil, gas and a flowing well of artesian water at a depth of 600 feet.

Dan Patch, the fastest pacing horse on earth, with a record of 1:59 1/4, was sold, a few days ago, for \$60,000 to M. W. Savage, of Minneapolis.

Railroads have advanced the wages of employees; they have also advanced the freight rates enough to cover the difference a dozen times over.

The people of Missouri will wish for Joseph Folk a merry Christmas and a happy new year. They will wish him success in prosecuting bribers and hoodlums, democrats or republicans.

Missouri is now supplying the Boers with mules. We formerly sold the mules to the British, and the Boers captured all they wanted. But things have changed.

Today, December 20th, is flag day. Our governor requests our people, as far as possible, to display the national colors. It is the ninety-ninth anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory.

Mrs. Jerry Goodwin died at Independence Sunday, December 7th, of paralysis. Her husband formerly lived here, before he was married to her. She was a widow before her marriage to Mr. Goodwin, about eight years ago.

Marconi, the inventor, says he has another invention up his sleeve which he will spring on us as soon as the wireless telegraph is perfect. Let it come. We are prepared for almost anything.

Republican papers are very busy throwing mud at Hon. Wm. J. Stone, who is soon to be chosen to succeed Hon. George G. Vest as United States senator from Missouri. They follow the lead of the old whisky ring organ, right or wrong.

Recent developments have proven that a man who once lived in Missouri cannot be happy anywhere else. The St. Louis hoodlums who ran away, came back home, preferring a life in Missouri penitentiary to freedom elsewhere. We always knew we had the best state in the union.

The death of Judge John W. Henry, of Kansas City, was deplored by all who knew him. He was learned, honest, impartial, and of a generous social nature. The memorial exercises of the Kansas City bar were the true expressions of the feelings of the speakers.

Governor Dockery has appointed Samuel C. Douglass to succeed Judge John W. Henry, deceased, as judge of division four of the circuit court of Jackson county. Judge Douglass is a fine lawyer and has many friends in Kansas City. The appointment is a good one.

"Old King Coal is a jolly old soul" was long been considered a pretty rhyme for the amusement of children. But old King Coal has recently realized his importance and it makes the men waste to cultivate his acquaintance. In several eastern cities the price of coal is beyond their reach. Why not import a little cheap coal from Canada?

Mr. Joel A. Griffin and Miss Edna Florence Shelton were married last Sunday, December 14th, at the home of the bride's parents, at Concordia. The groom is a native Lafayette county boy, having been born near Aultville. He was a soldier in Cuba, and afterward went to the Philippines. We hope for the young couple the fulfillment of their most rosy dream.

It is reported that Colombia, the little state in Central America through which the Panama canal runs, wants to get control of the Nicaragua route, and will attack Nicaragua and seize that part of the country. The spirit of war and revolution keeps these countries in a turmoil all the time. A good thrashing for the whole outfit would clear up the atmosphere.

A very old family receipt reads as follows: "A basin of water gruel, with half a quart of old rum in it, with lots of brown sugar, is good for Cold in the Head." By leaving out the "basin of water gruel" that receipt is popular today, and is just as good for fever, despondency, loss of appetite, insomnia or sore toe as it is for "Cold in the Head."

The wireless telegraph was used on the war ships in their sham maneuvers around Porto Rico last week, and were found useless. The reason given was that one ship kept the air full of messages, calling the opposing commander all sorts of foolish names, and thus confusing all other messages. It is thought that this deficiency in the system can be overcome.

Kansas will, in January, elect a United States senator in place of Senator Harris. Harris is a democrat and a confirmed ex-Confederate soldier. He is about the best senator the state ever had, but the republicans must oust him for one of their own party. Kansas congressmen are all flocking home, each one thinking that the fighting might strike in his vicinity.

The British and German fleets sailed into the harbors of Venezuela, tied ropes to the Venezuelan war vessels, dragged them out to sea and sank them without a gun being fired. Suppose some fleet should sail into New York harbor, and tie a string to D-way's flag ship, and attempt to pull it out into the sea to sink it. What would happen? Well, the case is not a supposable one. A hostile fleet could not get into any of our harbors without a fight; and a fight means the sinking of one fleet or the other.

In 1860 eleven engines pulled all the traffic over the Hannibal & St. Joe railroad, and they averaged about 3,000 miles per month. Now there are about 100 engines on the road and their average monthly run is 7,000 miles each.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

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The Taskmasters.

De Tocqueville wrote in 1835:

"I am of the opinion, upon the whole, that the manufacturing aristocracy which is growing up under our eyes is one of the harshest that ever existed in the world. . . . The friends of the democracy should keep their eyes anxiously fixed in this direction: for if ever a permanent inequality of conditions and aristocracy again penetrate into the world, it may be predicted that this is the gate by which they will enter."

Even a cursory reading of "The Taskmasters," George Kibbe Turner's novel of modern industrial New England, the second in McClure, Phillips & Co's First Novel Series, will make one realize that the great philosopher spoke truly and with a keen appreciation of possible developments. The author has chosen for his *mise en scene* one of the smaller New England manufacturing communities. He strips the situation bare, and shows how utterly the people who live in the shadow of the factory are in the power of the capitalist owner—quite as much in his power, personally and politically, as if time had been turned back half a dozen centuries and he were feudal baron and they his serfs. With the personal oppression and the practical annihilation he depicts, the state of affairs appears appalling. The recent coal strike has opened the public's eyes to the conditions existing in western Pennsylvania. "The Taskmaster" displays things no less deplorable going on in New England.

Mr. Turner comes fairly by his knowledge of life in the cities that are dominated, both in a political and industrial sense, by the great manufacturing interest. His grandfather was a New England mill owner, and much of the author's life was spent in the factory town in the affairs of which his family was a powerful factor. It is not strange, perhaps, that some of Mr. Turner's friends should, in view of the nature of his story, accuse him of socialistic tendencies. He declares, however, that he has no dogma to set forth in the novel; that his only design was to present a phase of life as he saw it.

"The Taskmasters" is his first novel, but he has made a reputation both by his verse and by his short fiction, sometimes signing his proper name, and sometimes using the pen name, Geik Turner.

Bits of Information.

Improvements in the system of rapid telegraphy have made it possible to transmit messages over a single wire at the rate of 50,000 words an hour.

The power employed in American industries in 1890 amounted to 5,594,655 horse power. In 1900 it was a little more than doubled, being 11,300,081 horse power.

The director of the United States mint reports the gold output of Alaska for the past ten months to be \$18,870,000. This sum exceeds by \$4,000,000 the total for the year 1901.

Copper in combination with silver is fashionable for jeweler's work. It is used for cuff buttons, card and cigarette cases, belt buckles and the like. It is called "Royal Copper" and costs about the same as solid silver.

In the interior of the extinct crater Aso San, about thirty miles from the city of Kumamoto, in Japan, 20,000 people live and prosper. The vertical wall of the crater is 800 feet high. The inhabitants rarely make a journey into the outer world, but form almost a little nation by themselves.

On September 1, 1890, there were in operation in the south 336 mills consuming raw cotton. On the corresponding date in 1902 the number of cotton mills in that section had increased to 716, an increase of 380 mills in twelve years. During the last year the total consumption of cotton in southern mills amounted to about 1,937,000 bales.

Mrs. Carl Coon and four children left Wednesday morning for their home at Billings, Montana, after a visit of several months here with relatives.

Some of our leading republican newspapers assert that the ship subsidy bill is dead, and that it died of two much Morgan. We fear that our republican brothers do not appreciate the extent of corruption that exists in their own party. With Boss Hanna making threats of what the trusts will do at a coming election, the party will bow down to his uttermost demand. Morgan would not have bought all those ships had he not been satisfied of the certainty of his subsidy.

Free for Asking.

Our booklet "Told by a Doctor," a discussion of the diseases of the digestive tract, and testimonials of hundreds who have been cured of constipation, dyspepsia and stomach troubles by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. If interested write today to Pepsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill., or see Leroy Farmer. 12-6m1

The Philadelphia North American is doing a good work in prosecuting a Kansas man who sent a lot of falsehoods to that paper for publication. The rot was printed, and afterward found to be false and libelous. There are many of these penny-liner writers who manufacture "news," who write the most infamous falsehoods, and it would be good for the newspapers and better for the general public if a few of them could be made to serve sentences in the penitentiary.

Glasgow Missourian:—"Out of a total of 164 trusts, President Roosevelt found just one—the anthracite coal trust—that deserved to have the duty removed and go on the free list. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and if the removal of the tariff will burst the hard coal trust, why not try it on some of the others. For example there is the meat trust, with prices soaring skyward on all classes of meat products. Why not put meats on the free list? Mr. Roosevelt strained at the anthracite coal trust and swallowed more than one hundred other trusts as bad or worse. But when protective tariff is endangered consistency must be thrown to the winds.

Homesekers' Excursions.

The Chicago & Alton railway will sell round trip tickets from Higginsville, Mo. to certain points in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming, at greatly reduced rates.

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Dr. W. B. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, is preparing a novel display for the St. Louis world's fair, says the Kansas City Journal. He proposes to reproduce ancient Jerusalem in miniature, with its mosques, churches, Hezekiah's pool, the Garden of Jerusalem, etc. He thinks \$200,000 will be required for the exhibit, and has already raised \$200,000 of this sum. It is Dr. Palmore's belief that the display he is preparing will tend to mitigate the evil effects of such things as the mid-way. Still, one is inclined to suspect that if there was a midway it would not lack patronage, even if the New Jerusalem were entered in competition with it.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

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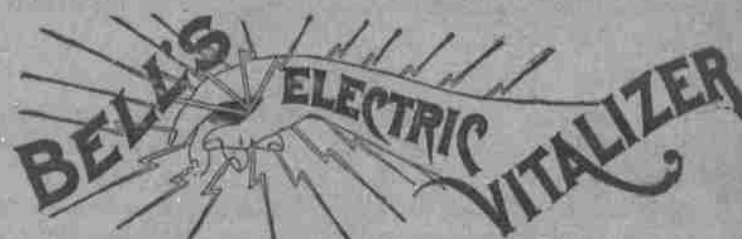
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